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"AN ACT CONCERNING A TWO-GENERATIONAL INITIATIVE."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) The Secretary of the Office of
4 Policy and Management, in collaboration with the Two-Generational
5 Advisory Board established pursuant to section 17b-112l of the general
6 statutes, as amended by this act, shall develop an interagency plan to
7 coordinate and align delivery of services to assist families to overcome
8 barriers to economic success.

9 (b) The Secretary shall begin to implement the interagency plan not
10 later than January 1, 2020. The plan shall include, but need not be
11 limited to: (1) Development of an infrastructure to promote data
12 sharing within and between state agencies to the extent permissible
13 under federal and state law; (2) coordination and leverage of existing
14 resources to assist families to overcome common barriers to economic
15 success; (3) consideration of innovative approaches based on input of

16 parents and other community members to increase the impact of the
17 Two Generational Initiative; and (4) shared indicators and goals for
18 interagency collaboration to achieve quantifiable and verifiable
19 systems change to disrupt cycles of intergenerational poverty and
20 advance family economic self-sufficiency and racial and socio-
21 economic equity. Such indicators and goals, may include, but need not
22 be limited to: (A) Improvements to service and resource coordination
23 and delivery across one or more programs for early learning, adult
24 education, child care, housing, job training, transportation, financial
25 literacy, health and mental health services, and (B) efforts to
26 sufficiently support pathways to family-sustaining workforce
27 opportunities.

28 Sec. 2. Section 17b-112*l* of the general statutes is repealed and the
29 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

30 (a) There is established [an] a two-generational initiative to [foster
31 family economic self-sufficiency in low-income households through a
32 comprehensive two-generational service delivery approach] disrupt
33 cycles of poverty and advance family economic self-sufficiency. The
34 initiative shall [promote systemic change to create conditions across
35 local and state public sector agencies and the private sector]
36 collaborate across public and private sectors to support early
37 childhood care and education, health and workforce readiness and
38 economic self-sufficiency across two generations in the same
39 household. Households may include, but need not be limited to,
40 children and their mothers, fathers, noncustodial parents and other
41 primary caregivers.

42 (b) The Office of Early Childhood shall serve as the two-
43 generational initiative's coordinating agency. [for the executive
44 branch.] The initiative may [review and consider] include review and
45 consideration of the following, within available appropriations, to
46 attain family economic mobility and success:

47 (1) [Improvements to the coordination and delivery of]

48 Coordination and delivery of programs that improve access to services
49 and equity in opportunity to achieve family economic success. Such
50 programs may include, but need not be limited to, early learning
51 programs, adult education, child care, housing, apprenticeship and job
52 training, transportation, financial literacy, [and other related support
53 services, including, but not limited to,] health and mental health
54 services, and sufficiently supported pathways to family-sustaining
55 workforce opportunities, offered at one location, [wherever] whenever
56 possible; and

57 (2) Alignment of [existing state and local support systems around
58 the (A) household, including how to leverage] state and federal
59 resources around the family including the Temporary Assistance for
60 Needy Families block grant funds, and services to equip such
61 [households] families with the tools and skills needed to overcome
62 obstacles and engage opportunities. [, and (B) the coordinated state-
63 wide reading plan for students in kindergarten to grade three,
64 inclusive, developed pursuant to section 10-14v;

65 (3) Development of a long-term plan to coordinate, align and
66 optimize service delivery of relevant programs state wide. Such plan
67 may include, but need not be limited to, (A) the targeted use of
68 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant funds, to the
69 extent permissible under federal law, to support two-generational
70 programming; (B) state incentives for private entities that develop such
71 two-generational programming; (C) streamlined resource, practice and
72 data sharing among and between agencies that serve families involved
73 in the initiative in order to best serve such families; and (D) the
74 development and assessment of two-generational programming
75 outcomes; and

76 (4) Partnerships between state and national philanthropic
77 organizations, as available, to provide support, technical assistance,
78 guidance and best practices to the participating communities in the
79 initiative and the advisory council established pursuant to subsection
80 (d) of this section.]

81 (c) [The] Implementation of the initiative shall foster the
82 comprehensive two-generational service delivery approach for early
83 care and education and workforce readiness in learning communities
84 that may include, but need not be limited to, New Haven, Hartford,
85 East Hartford, West Hartford, Norwalk, Meriden, Windham, Enfield,
86 Waterbury and Bridgeport. The initiative shall be [informed by
87 members of low-income households within these communities and]
88 implemented in partnership with parent and family leaders to
89 determine the priorities and challenges of low-income households.
90 Coordinators of the initiative shall foster a peer-to-peer exchange and
91 technical assistance in best practices between learning communities
92 that shall be shared with the advisory [council] board established
93 pursuant to subsection (d) of this section. The staff of the Commission
94 on Women, Children and Seniors shall serve as the [organizing and]
95 administrative staff to the learning communities.

96 [(d) A Two-Generational Advisory Council shall be established as
97 part of the initiative to advise the state on how to foster family
98 economic self-sufficiency in low-income households through a
99 comprehensive two-generational service delivery approach for early
100 care and education and workforce readiness. The council shall consist
101 of one member of the General Assembly appointed by the speaker of
102 the House of Representatives, who shall serve as a cochairperson; one
103 member of the Senate appointed by the president pro tempore of the
104 Senate, who shall serve as a cochairperson; one member representing
105 the interests of business or trade organizations appointed by the
106 majority leader of the Senate; one member with expertise on issues
107 concerning health and mental health appointed by the majority leader
108 of the House of Representatives; one member on issues concerning
109 children and families appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
110 one member of the General Assembly appointed by the minority
111 leader of the House of Representatives; a member of a low-income
112 household selected by the Commission on Women, Children and
113 Seniors; representatives of nonprofit and philanthropic organizations
114 and scholars who are experts in two-generational programs and

115 policies; and other business and academic professionals as needed to
116 achieve goals for two-generational systems planning, evaluations and
117 outcomes selected by the cochairpersons. The Commissioners of Social
118 Services, Early Childhood, Education, Housing, Transportation, Public
119 Health and Correction and the Labor Commissioner, or each
120 commissioner's designee; and the Chief Court Administrator, or the
121 Chief Court Administrator's designee, shall serve as ex-officio
122 members of the advisory council. The staff of the Commission on
123 Women, Children and Seniors shall serve as the organizing and
124 administrative staff of the advisory council.

125 (e) Not later than September 1, 2018, the Two-Generational
126 Advisory Council shall consult with the Office of the Attorney
127 General, the Office of Policy and Management and the Connecticut
128 Preschool through Twenty and Workforce Information Network,
129 established pursuant to section 10a-57g, to develop a uniform
130 approach among partner agencies in the two-generational initiative to
131 facilitate data sharing in accordance with state and federal law
132 pursuant to subparagraph (C) of subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of
133 this section.

134 (f) Not later than December 31, 2018, the advisory council shall
135 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint
136 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
137 matters relating to education, housing, human services, labor, public
138 health, transportation and appropriations and the budgets of state
139 agencies that includes: (1) The challenges and opportunities in
140 working with a parent and child concurrently in a two-generational
141 service delivery model; (2) recommendations to improve systems,
142 policy, culture, program, budget or communications issues among
143 agencies and service providers on the local and state levels to achieve
144 two-generational outcomes; (3) recommendations on the elimination of
145 barriers to promote two-generational success; and (4)
146 recommendations concerning improved data sharing developed
147 pursuant to subsection (e) of this section across two-generational
148 initiative partner agencies.]

149 (d) A Two-Generational Advisory Board shall be established as part
150 of the initiative to advise the state, the legislature and the Secretary of
151 the Office of Policy and Management on how to foster family economic
152 self-sufficiency in low income households through a comprehensive
153 two-generational service delivery approach for early child care,
154 education and workforce readiness. The board shall work in
155 partnership with philanthropic organizations, as available, to provide
156 support, technical assistance, guidance and best practices to the
157 participating communities in the initiative designated pursuant to
158 subsection (c) of this section. The board shall consist of (1) one member
159 of the General Assembly, appointed by the speaker of the House of
160 Representatives, who shall serve as a cochairperson; (2) one member of
161 the Senate, appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
162 shall serve as a cochairperson; (3) one member representing the
163 interests of business or trade organizations, appointed by the majority
164 leader of the Senate; (4) one member with expertise on issues
165 concerning physical and mental health appointed by the majority
166 leader of the House of Representatives; (5) one member with expertise
167 on issues concerning children and families, appointed by the minority
168 leader of the Senate; (6) one member of the General Assembly,
169 appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; (7)
170 one member appointed by the Governor; (8) representatives of
171 nonprofit and philanthropic organizations and scholars who are
172 experts in two-generational programs and policies, including, but not
173 limited to, at least one such representative and scholar with experience
174 in developing strategies to achieve racial equity and social justice; (9)
175 parent or family leaders representing low-income households, selected
176 by the Commission on Women, Children and Seniors, who shall
177 constitute one-fourth of the board; and (10) other business and
178 academic professionals as needed to achieve goals for two-
179 generational systems planning, evaluations and outcomes selected by
180 the cochairpersons. The Chief Court Administrator, or the Chief Court
181 Administrator's designee, shall serve as ex-officio members of the
182 advisory board. The staff of the Commission on Women, Children and
183 Seniors shall serve as the organizing and administrative staff of the

184 advisory board.

185 (e) Not later than July 1, 2020, pursuant to the advisory authority
186 established in section 3-125, the Office of the Attorney General, in
187 consultation with the Two-Generational Advisory Board, the Secretary
188 of the Office of Policy and Management, the Chief Data Officer
189 appointed pursuant to section 4-67p and the Connecticut Preschool
190 through Twenty and Workforce Information Network, established
191 pursuant to section 10a-57g, shall develop a uniform interagency data
192 sharing protocol to remove legal barriers to promote cross-agency and
193 cross-sector collaboration under this section to the fullest extent
194 permitted under state and federal laws.

195 (f) Not later than December 31, 2020, and annually thereafter, the
196 Two-Generational Advisory Board, in consultation with the Secretary
197 of the Office of Policy and Management, shall file a report, in
198 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing
199 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
200 relating to children, education, housing, human services, labor, public
201 health, transportation and appropriations and the budgets of state
202 agencies. The report shall include, but need not be limited to: (1)
203 Shared indicators and goals for interagency collaboration developed
204 pursuant to section 1 of this act, (2) improvements in Two-
205 Generational Initiative service coordination and streamlined resources,
206 (3) methods of improved family engagement to assure continuous
207 feedback from family leaders regarding the priorities and challenges of
208 low income households, and (4) recommendations to (A) improve
209 systems, policy, culture, program, budget or communications issues
210 among agencies and service providers on the local and state levels to
211 achieve two-generational success; (B) eliminate barriers to two-
212 generational success; and (C) improve data sharing within and
213 between agencies to inform systems and policy direction to achieve
214 family economic success.

215 (g) Within available appropriations, parent and family participants
216 of the Two-Generational Initiative may be compensated for time and

217 travel related to Two-Generational Advisory Board meetings and Two-
218 Generational Initiative activities related to asset building, leadership
219 and community engagement."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	17b-112l